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Diodes and Process Gas

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed August 8, 2007. The three-month response due date is November 8, 2007.

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